CREDITON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

31st DECEMBER, 1969

CREDITON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Offices,
Union Terrace,
Crediton.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

It will be seen from the following report that the general health of the District during the year under review was remarkably good. With regard to housing, many private persons as well as your Council are taking advantage of the provision of increased grants under the Housing Act 1969 to modernise and improve houses.

After considerable delay approval was at last granted by the Ministry of Housing to proceed with the Puddington Village sewerage scheme and work started in June 1969. Adequate sewers and disposals works are sadly lacking and should be provided for the villages of Bow, Yeoford and Copplestone.

L.N. Jackson,

Medical Officer of Health.

CREDITON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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SECTION A.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area	93,370 acres.
Population	9870.
Rateable Value at 31.12.69.	£232,400.
Product of 1d rate 31.3.69.	£882.13.5d.
No. of separate dwellings at 31.3.69.	3446.
Business premises with living accommodation.	69.
Local Authority dwellings at 31.3.69.	553.

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR YEAR 1969

	TOTAL	M	F
Live Births	131	78	53
Crude rate per 1,000 population.	13.3		
Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to national rate.	.91		

	TOTAL	M	F
Illegitimate Live Births	10	6	4

7.6% of total live births.

	TOTAL	M	F
Stillbirths	2	-	2
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths.	15.0		

	TOTAL
Total live and still births	133

	TOTAL	M	F
Infant Deaths (under 1 year of age)	4	2	2

Infant Mortality Rates.	TOTAL
Total infant deaths per 1,000 live births	31.00
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	33.00
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil
Neo-natal Mortality Rate. (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	23.00
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate. (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)	23.00
Peri-natal Mortality Rate. (still births and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	38.00
Maternal Mortality Rate (including abortion)	
Number of deaths	Nil
Rate per 1,000 total still and live births	Nil

	TOTAL	M	F
Deaths (all ages)	121	62	59
Crude rate per 1,000 home population	12.3		
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate	0.97		

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1969 IN THE RURAL DISTRICT OF CREDITON.

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Sex.	All ages	Under 4 weeks	4 Weeks & under 1 year.	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over.
Other infective and parasitic diseases.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm Buccal cavity etc.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm stomach.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, intestine.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, larynx.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-
Leukaemia	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other malignant neoplasms.	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	-	1
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Diabetes mellitus	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other endocrine etc. diseases.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Chronic rheumatic heart disease.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hypertensive disease.	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ischaemic heart disease.	M	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	4	12
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Cerebrovascular disease.	M	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	4
	F	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	6
Other forms of heart disease.	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
	F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7
Other diseases of circulatory system.	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Sex.	All ages	Under 4 weeks	4 Weeks & under 1 year.	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over
Influenza	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Pneumonia	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
	F	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4
Bronchitis and emphysema	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other diseases of digestive system.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Other diseases, genito-urinary system.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Congenital anomalies.	M	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birth injury difficult labour etc.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Symptoms and ill defined conditions.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
All other accidents.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
TOTAL OF ALL CAUSES.	M	62	2	-	-	-	-	2	1	4	10	11	32
	F	59	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	4	6	13	33

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

AGE GROUP	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Whooping Cough	Measles	Pneumonia	Paratyphoid	Dysentery	Meningoccal Infection	Puerperal Pyrexia	Acute Encephalities	Opthalmis Neonatorum	Erysipelas	Acute Poliomyelitis	Food Poisoning	Infective Jaundice
Under 1															
1 year															
2 years				2											
3 years															
4 years				2											
5 - 9 years															
10 - 14 years															
15 - 24 years															
25 and over															
Age unknown.															
				4											

T U B E R C U L O S I S.

New Cases and Mortality during 1969.

AGE GROUP	NEW /CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T O T A L S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES.

(1) Nursing Service.
Care of Mothers and Young Children.

This service is provided through resident district nurses and health visitors employed by Devon County Council.

(2) Laboratory Facilities.

Laboratory examinations are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service at the Department of Pathology, Wonford, Exeter.

(3) Tuberculosis and Mass Radiography.

There is a clinic at Ivybank, Exeter.

A mobile mass radiography unit regularly visits the Market Street Car Park, Crediton.

(4) Infectious Diseases.

Most cases are nursed at home, but if necessary they can be removed to the Whipton Isolation Hospital.

(5) Ambulances.

There are no ambulances maintained in this district. There is a depot with ambulances manned by the Red Cross at Crediton.

(6) Meals on Wheels.

There is a Meals on Wheels service operated by the W.V.S. Meals are provided by the Devon County Council Kitchen at Crediton and distributed by members of the W.V.S. The service has now extended to most of the District.

(7) Health Education, Mental Health and Chiropody Services.

These services are provided and administered by Devon County Council. They continue to function satisfactorily.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

Sewerage.

During the summer of 1969 work was started on the much needed scheme for the village of Puddington, the contract price being £18,661. 7. 10.

No additions were made to the maintenance staff of four men. Regular overtime work continued to be necessary to deal with the expanding amount of maintenance work.

During 1969 the following modern post war works were in operation:- Chawleigh, Cheriton Bishop, Cheriton Fitzpaine, Eggesford, Lapford, Morchard Bishop, Newton St. Cyres, Sandford, Shobrooke and Zeal Monachorum.

Twenty one samples of effluent were taken by officials of the Devon River Authority. Of these samples two were unsatisfactory and five were borderline - having regard to the "consent conditions" for the respective works.

The Council's consulting engineers Messrs. Harvey, McGill and Hayes are currently engaged on the preparations of schemes for Bow, Copplestone/Yeoford region, and Wembworthy.

Water Supply - Public

Water from the North Devon Water Board mains is available in all villages and hamlets, and to most areas throughout the district.

During the year mains extensions were carried out to serve new housing estates at Chawleigh and Copplestone.

Twenty bacteriological samples of mains water were taken by the North Devon Water Board. One sample was unsatisfactory, but a second sample from the same source proved satisfactory.

The local supply of chlorinated water maintained by Bow Parish Council continued in use.

Officials of Devon County Council took six bacteriological samples of chlorinated water from the Bow supply. For five of these samples the coliform bacilli count was Nil. In the remaining sample the count was 2 per 100 ml.

A complaint of dirty mains water at Lapford was referred to the N.D.W.B. The dirty water was thought to be caused by sediment disturbed by maintenance works in the Lapford area.

Water Supply - Private.

Seven bacteriological samples were taken from six private supplies. With one exception all the samples were unsatisfactory. The source of each contaminated sample was a shallow well, where domestic animals and/or poultry were in close proximity. Mains water was not readily available to any of the premises concerned. It is often difficult in an agricultural district to arrange that animals and poultry waste is not deposited in the vicinity of a well. This is particularily so when the land in which the well is situated is not owned by the owner of the dwelling concerned.

In four instances the wells were cleansed, hand chlorinated and protective works carried out.

The owner of a farmhouse, where the well was situated under the kitchen floor was advised to house stock further from the farmhouse.

In each case the consumers were advised to boil drinking water.

School Swimming Pools.

During the year a new pool was provided at Sandford School.

Five schools in this district now have swimming pools. Ten water samples were taken by the Devon County Officials, who gave appropriate maintenance advice. No action was necessary from this office.

Nuisance from animals.

Three complaints were received arising from pigs kept under intensive conditions,in close proximity to dwellings.

The complaints were considered justified. In each case the pig keepers were verbally requested to remove the pigs. This request was complied with in each case.

Noise.

During the year the following complaints of noise were received and investigated.

(1) Lapford - noise from milk factory.

(2) Sandford - noise from dogs.

(3) Bow - noise from "go-kart".

(4) Bow - noise from metal work.

(5) Morchard Bishop - Noise from external telephone bell at building site.

(6) Copplestone - noise from dairy exhaust pump.

Complaints (2) (4) and (6) above were not considered sufficiently serious to warrant action other than verbal notification of the complaint to the persons concerned and requesting their co-operation. These complaints have not been repeated.

Complaints (3) and (5) were resolved by approaches to the persons concerned who took the necessary action to abate the nuisances.

Complaint No. (1) was the most serious and is still under consideration. The noise arises from various mechanical processes at a large milk processing factory. Various measures were discussed with the management and acted on. Steam cooling tower fans have been shielded and silencers fitted to the cannery cooling towers. It seems inevitable that some noise will arise from a large modern automated milk factory. It is perhaps fortunate that there are few dwellings in the immediate vicinity of the factory concerned.

We were fortunate in being able to borrow a noise meter from Tiverton B.C. Health Department.

NUMBER OF HOUSES AND POPULATION SUPPLIED FROM PUBLIC WATER MAINS.

(ESTIMATED)

PARISH.	DIRECT INTO HOUSES		STAND PIPE	
	DWELLINGS	POPULATION	DWELLINGS	POPULATION
BOW.....Parish Supply.	98	294	2	
BOW.....N.D.W.B.	121	363		
BRUSHFORD "	13	39		
CHAWLEIGH "	129	387		
CHERITON BISHOP "	136	408		
CHERITON FITZPAINE "	119	357	2	3
CLANNABOROUGH "	3	9		
COLDRIDGE "	74	222	1	2
COLEBROOKE "	113	339		
CREDITON HAMLETS "	239	717		
DOWN ST. MARY "	101	303		
EGGESFORD "	24	72		
HITTISLEIGH "	19	57		
KENNERLEIGH "	20	60		
LAPFORD "	193	579	1	0
MORCHARD BISHOP "	277	831	2	4
NEWTON ST. CYRES "	266	798		
NYMET ROWLAND "	30	90		
POUGHILL "	41	123		
PUDDINGTON "	30	90		
SANDFORD "	266	798	3	4
SHOBROOKE "	110	330		
STOCKLEIGH ENGLISH "	15	45		
STOCKLEIGH POMEROY "	29	87		
THELBRIDGE "	46	138		
UPTON HELLIONS "	10	30		
WASHFORD PYNE "	19	57		
WEMBWORTHY "	61	183		
WOOLFARDISWORTHY "	36	108		
ZEAL MONACHORUM "	75	225		
TOTALS	2713	8139	11	13

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1963.

Tented camping sites.

At 31st December, 1969 there were six licensed caravan sites in this district. These comprised five individual sites and a site for six touring vans.

Three other sites each equiped with water closets and mains water were used by touring vans and tents.

During the summer a number of sites are occupied by touring vans/tents under conditions which do not require licensing.

No new applications for licenses were received during the year, but one application was under consideration at the end of the year.

Vermin Control
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949.

Warfarin based poison was supplied free of charge to domestic premises, and at cost price for use on business premises.

Practical assistance was given in treating the following infestations:-

Rats	- 10	premises.
Mice	- 1	"
Fleas	- 3	"
Cluster flies	- 2	"

Seven wasps nests were removed during the summer from Council Estates.

The Councils sewers were test baited for rats at 66 manholes. Two minor infestations were discovered and treated,

Refuse Collection

The weekly kerbside collection of household refuse continued.

Minor extensions of the service were authorised by the Council in the following areas:- Priorton Mill, Sandford; Doctors Corner, Thelbridge; Hollowhayes, Colebrooke; Hawkridge, Coldridge and at Trobridge and Homefield, Crediton.

The special service for emptying litter bins and for cleaning up the laybys during the summer months on holiday routes was again implemented.

Two tips are in use by the Council and are also available for use of householders in the District. These tips are at Sutton Quarry, Sandford and Perry, Cheriton Fitzpaine.

Animal Boarding Establishment Act.

One boarding kennels and one cattery were re-licensed. Each was inspected and found to be satisfactory.

No new licence applications were received.

Slaughterhouses.

Slaughterhouse licences for the following premises were renewed.
Messrs. F. Lake & Son, Lapford (retail and wholesale business).
Messrs. D. Stevens & Son, Copplestone (whole-sale business).

Formal approval was given to proposals for new lavatoriesetc at Copplestone Slaughterhouse, after prolonged consultations with the various authorities concerned (Devon County Council, Devon River Authority, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Meat and Livestock Commission).

The proposals were formally advertised as required by planning legislation. No objections were received.

However it seems that all this administrative work will be abortive as no material progress on these proposals had been made by the end of the year and discussions were under way for a complete reconstruction of Copplestone Slaughterhouse.

Slaughter of Animals Act 1958

18 Licences to slaughter animals were issued.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963.

At the end of the year 19 premises with a total of 48 employees were registered. The majority of the employees, of whom 41 were females, are in catering trades. Twelve visits were made in connection with this act, and seven premises received a full inspection. No serious contraventions were noted.

There were no new registrations during 1969. Since the act came into force no accidents have been notified.

Factories Act

Prescribed Particulars of the Administration of the Factories Act 1961

(1) Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by public health inspectors)

PREMISES	Number on Register.	NUMBER OF		
		Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority.	1	1	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	36	12	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. (excluding out-workers premises).	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTALS	37	13	Nil	Nil

Cases in which defects were found:-

	No of cases in which defects were found				No of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED To H.M.I.	FROM H.M.I.	
Lack of Cleanliness (Section 1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding. (Section 2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature. (Section 3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (Section 4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage (Section 6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (Section 7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (including offences relating to outwork.	-	-	-	-	-
T O T A L	2	2	-	-	-

OUTWORK Section 133 and 134, Factories Act 1961

There are no factories in this district which employ outworkers. This office has been notified of 3 outworkers employed on wearing apparel.

Public Conveniences.

The public lavatories recently built at Checkers, Cheriton Bishop on the A30 trunk road to Cornwall were much used during the summer months. These lavatories were built on ground belonging to the owner of a garage and cafe business. The garage proprietor is responsible for normal cleaning and supervision. This has proved a satisfactory arrangement. The premises are under constant surveillance. The cafe proprietor has found the arrangement to be advantageous.

At the end of the year plans were well forward for lavatories to be constructed at Reeves Cafe, Bow on the B 3215, "Holiday route" to Cornwall. Again it is intended that the lavatories will be maintained by the Cafe proprietor.

HOUSING.

Housing Act 1957

As the result of informal action five dilapidated cottages were demolished and twenty three sub-standard properties were made fit.

One house was completely reconditioned after formal action under Section 16.

New Housing.

Thirty six new dwellings were provided by private enterprise.

This Council completed 2 three bedroom houses, 12 two bedroom and 15 one bedroom bungalows, a total of 29 dwellings.

Improvement to Council Houses.

The following works were completed during 1969.

1 and 2 Tozers, Bow, Modernised to discretionary grant standard.
2 D.C.C. Houses, Black Dog, Modernised to discretionary grant standard.
1 - 10 Westgate, Lapford. Roofs weathersealed.
7 - 10 Church Street, Morchard Bishop. Roofs weathersealed.
1 - 4 Wordland Cross, Cheriton Fitzpaine. Roofs weathersealed.
1 - 8 Meadowside, Sandford. Roofs stripped, felted, insulated and retiled.
2,3,4,5,7,8 and 9 Tytheing Close, Newton St. Cyres. Ranges replaced with tiled surrounds and back boilers.

Improvements to Private Property.

Discretionary Grants.

	Owner occupied dwellings.	Other dwellings.	Total
Applications received.	4	3	7
Applications approved.	4	3	7
Applications refused.	-	1	1
Completed and paid.	2	1	3

The application refused was in respect of an application for additional living space at a cottage which already met the statutory "12 point" standard.

The total amount paid in discretionary grants was £758.

Standard Grants.

	Owner occupied dwellings.	Other dwellings.	Total
Applications received	17	14	31
Applications approved.	18	14	32
Applications refused.	0	0	0
Completed and paid.	12	7	19

Total amount paid in standard grants £3458. 2. 4.

Housing Act 1961

Houses in Multiple Occupation.

This office is not aware of any houses in mutiple occupation, requiring action under this act.

Overcrowding.

Only one case of overcrowding is known to this office. The house concerned has been acquired by this Council and improvements and enlargement proposals are at present under consideration.

Common Lodging Houses.

There are no common lodging houses in this district.

FOOD HYGIENE GENERAL.

Informal notices were issued in respect of two premises in poor decorative repair. The necessary work was carried out. One kitchen ceiling was renewed to comply with an informal notice issued in 1968.

During the year a restaurant at Cheriton Bishop was extensively extended and improved. A new village grocery business was commenced in a purpose built extension to a domestic dwelling at Morchard Road.

The majority of premises inspected and subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, were found to be satisfactory.

Eggs - The Liquid Eggs (Pasteurisation) Regs. 1963.

There are no pasteurisation plants in this district. Damaged eggs from the local packing station were despatched elsewhere for pasteurisation. At the end of the year the egg packing station ceased to function.

Brucella Abortus.

58 milk samples were taken in this district by the staff of the Devon County Council Public Health Department. Three positive samples were notified to this office.

In each case, the producers were supplying milk for retail sale. Arrangements were made for milk from the infected herds to be heat treated and alternative supplies obtained for retail sales.

Foreign Bodies in Food.

Notification was received from the Public Health Department of Reading C.B.C. of insect remains in a tin of custard. The custard was canned in this district.

The cannery was inspected and the complaint investigated with the co-operation of the management. No obvious source of the contamination was apparent. Hygiene and quality control at the cannery was found to be satisfactory. No further action was taken.

MEAT INSPECTION

All meat killed at Copplestone and Lapford Slaughterhouses was inspected. No killings took place at Morchard Bishop.

It was difficult to continue the assistance previously given to Crediton Urban District Council and this ceased in July.

Work outside normal office hours was frequently required.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned 1969

	Cattle ex. Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed.	2325	214	109	39661	5863
Number inspected.	2325	214	109	39661	5863
All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci.					
Whole carcases condemned.	5	17	29	197	22
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	1252	166	7	6093	181
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis & cysticerci	54.1	85.5	33.0	15.9	3.5
Tuberculosis only.					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	85
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	1.4
Cysticerocis.					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	**3	**2	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to refrigoration.	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-

** Five degenerative lesions which could have been C. Bovis were encountered. The degeneration was considered too advanced to permit positive identification. The affected parts were destroyed and the remainder released as recommended in Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Circular FSH 30/66 Paragraph 12.

Poultry Inspection.

Ministry of Health and Social Security, Circular 1/70 Para. 8 (c)

There is one major poultry processing unit in this district. It is operated in connection with a poultry rearing unit on a large local farm. The poultry dealt with is specifically bred for table purposes, no laying birds are dealt with.

Birds are plucked on a modern line system, using mechanical equipment and despatched ungutted. Killing is normally restricted to two days per week.

During the year twelve visits were made by officers of this department.

It is estimated that 98,000 chickens average weight 4¼ lb. and 4,700 turkeys average weight 17 lb. were killed at the premises referred to above. The owners have advised that some 0.5% of the poultry killed was rejected for human consumption.

I am not aware of any other premises where regular large scale slaughtering takes place.

Occasional poultry slaughtering does occur at various agricultural premises throughout the district, particularly in the Christmas season. Regular inspection is not considered practical under present conditions.